

## REPORT.

The committee on the Coloured Population to which was referred the report of the Managers for colonizing the people of colour of the state of Maryland, beg leave respectfully to suggest, that the managers aforesaid, have exercised an unwarrantable discretion in loaning the sum of eight thousand dollars, intended under the provisions of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, for the removal of the free people of colour or those who shall hereafter become free, to Liberia or elsewhere, to the Maryland State Colonization Society, for the purpose of enabling said society to purchase a place for the reception of free people of colour from Maryland. This committee believes upon a fair construction of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-one, an immediate removal of the free people of colour, was contemplated, and not a system so prospective, as that adopted by the managers aforesaid, they therefore, beg leave to submit the report of the managers as a part of their report.

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*To the Honorable,*

*The General Assembly of Maryland.*

The Board of Managers appointed under the provisions of "An act relating to the people of colour of this state," respectfully submit a report of their proceedings during the past year.

In their report made to your honorable body, at the last session, it was stated that a vessel had sailed from Baltimore, in the month of December, 1832, with emigrants for Liberia.

In the early part of the spring the vessel returned, and accounts were then received, as well as subsequently throughout the summer, from the emigrants. The tenor of these accounts were such as to convince the Board, that the settlements already made at Liberia, did not afford sufficient facilities for the reception of emigrants from Maryland, to enable the Board to carry out to a beneficial extent the views of the State of Maryland, as developed in her legislation.

About the period of the arrival at Liberia of the Mary-